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## FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

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### AFRICA.

#### *Report from Cape Colony—Examination of rodents for plague infection.*

The medical officer of health for the Colony reports as follows for the week ended December 2, 1905:

*Port Elizabeth.*—No new case of plague; 1 case remaining under treatment; 212 rodents examined; 1 found to be plague infected.

*East London.*—No new case of plague; 259 rodents examined; no plague infection found.

*Cape Town, harbor board area, and shipping in harbor.*—Eight hundred and thirty-two rodents examined; no plague infection found.

### BRAZIL.

#### *Report from Rio de Janeiro—Inspection of vessels—Mortality—Plague, smallpox, and yellow fever.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Stewart reports, December 17, as follows:

During the week ended December 10, 1905, vessels received bills of health as follows: On the 4th instant, the British steamship *Ben Cruachem*, for New York, in water ballast, with no passengers and no change in the crew personnel while here, and on the 7th instant, the British steamship *Putney Bridge*, for Galveston, in water ballast, with no passengers and no change in the personnel for the ship while here. These vessels brought coal and were discharged at Lage's Island, across the bay from Rio de Janeiro, and having no communication with the shore, and after discharging dropped out in the bay and thence sailed. During the time of their remaining here there was no illness of any character aboard.

No other vessels left this port for United States, Canal Zone, or Cuban ports.

*Mortality, Rio de Janeiro, week ended December 10, 1905.*—During this week there were in all 307 deaths. Of this number 1 was caused by yellow fever, with 7 new reported cases. After investigation only 1 case proved to be true yellow fever. There were no new cases of variola, a condition which has not obtained here for a long period, and only 1 death from this cause, while bubonic plague caused 6 deaths, with 9 new cases.

At the close of the week there were in the hospital of São Sebastião 1 case of yellow fever, 40 cases of variola, 19 cases of plague, and 8 cases under observation.